

Suwanville, Minn.

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Dear sister Sadie

I received your welcome letter, Card and Check on Monday Sept 16th. Thank you ever so much for the Check. We will try and make good use of it.

Agnes got home on the 19th. Called up on my birthday. Said she had a wonderful time took a lot of pictures. Ruth and Elsie were down to the cities on Sunday. Agnes told Ruth something was wrong with her camera. So none of the pictures were any good. She was really disappointed. I surely enjoyed my visit to Des Moines. The town has spread out to the North and West quite a lot. Main St is solid with buildings on both

Sides, I was told about several of my boyhood school mates, some have passed on and others have left there. Herbie & Hallie Baker Harry Conkling, and Jim Souls have passed on they were all younger than I. Nate Davis and his wife are both dead Nate and I drove through to north Dakota one fall, to harvest before we were either of us married. I do not remember very much about the Homestead Only Ben & I were both born there, the woods was full of settlers at that time. There was the Harringtons, Jakes Coopers, and Thompsons, that were neighbors. I think Mrs Harrington was the one that went out around as a midwife. She had a large family of her own.

Our folks moved into Henning when I was quite small. Dad worked in a store. Then they move to Deer Creek. Dad worked on the Elevator. He was the one that had charge of building of the big Elevator there. From there they move back to Henning where he bought grain in one of the Elevators there. Mimmie died in 1889 while we were living in Henning. The next spring they moved back to Deer Creek, and Dad ~~went~~ went out to Washington Oregon that summer, when he came back in the fall. he worked in the store for Baker for a year. After that he run the Elevator until he went South in 1893. I was 11 years old. Well I guess this is enough of this. We had

a real nice garden this year but small. Sweet corn, Peas, Carrots, Buts, onions, Radishes, Potatoes Cucumbers, Tomatoes, Cabbage, & Squash, more than we can use ourselves,

I only worked a little while at a time. I had another bad spell the 11th of sept and Ellenor's wife took me to the Dr in Little Falls. He treated me there in our patent room at hospital. I am much better now. Agnes has ^{been} awfully good to us she is always bringing something up to us whenever she comes well Annie will be writing some in this letter so I will close and make room for her letter,

Much Love from Bro. Frank